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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY THE FOLLOWING CONGRATULATORY
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

BEGIN TEXT:

HIS EXCELLENCY

HUA KUO-FENG

PREMIER OF THE STATE COUNCIL

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

PEKING

DEAR MR. PREMIER:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES ON
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YOUR APPOINTMENT AS PREMIER OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF THE

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

I HAVE REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED MY BELIEF IN THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES MAINTAINING AN AUTHORITATIVE DIALOGUE ON MANY ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN IN THE WORLD. LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM THAT VIEW, AND TO SAY THAT I AM PLEASED THAT MR. THOMAS S. GATES WILL BE GOING TO PEKING NEXT MONTH AS MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO ASSUME THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF OUR LIAISON OFFICE. I HAVE THE HIGHEST CONFIDENCE IN MR. GATES AND KNOW HE WILL EFFECTIVELY REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF MY ADMINISTRATION IN OUR OFFICIAL DEALINGS.

THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLES OF BOTH COUNTRIES, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THROUGH OUR JOINT EFFORTS RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO ADVANCE. ON THIS OCCASION LET ME AGAIN REAFFIRM THE DETERMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO COMPLETE THE NORMALIZATION OF OUR RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD

END TEXT

2. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO RELEASE.

3. SIGNED LETTER WILL BE GIVEN TO PRCLO FOR FORWARDING.
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